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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



[The Editor is not responsible for opinions expressed in this Department.]

[WE must again remind our correspondents that nothing is published in this department unless accompanied by the full name and address of the writer. Several important and interesting letters are being held because they have been sent with initials only. The full name need never be printed unless desired, but it should always be given on a separate slip.—Ed.]

FROM AN ENGLISH CONTRIBUTOR

DEAR EDITOR: I hope my little sketch may prove interesting to my colleagues in America—for after all we are like one big family and the nursing world is no phantasy. I, as an English nurse, have always been pleased to meet those who have gone through the American hospitals, and have felt most privileged to nurse for specializing surgeons from the States, nearly always gaining fresh method and style.

I am now retired from action, shall we say, as a doctor's wife, but still in the world of science and skill, and ever interested in all that concerns nursing.

Wishing your JOURNAL every success.

M. S.

A CHANGE OF WORK NEEDED

DEAR EDITOR: I have been nursing for seventeen years, fifteen of those years in hospital work. I am very pleasantly situated now, but have premonitions of breaking health, due partly to the climate in which I have been working, and partly to the long-continued strain. Is there some branch of our work in which regular rest and recreation are possible that is open to a woman of my years? I ought to work for thirty years more, my parents and grandparents were active into the eightys.

E. P.

[The above calls for a personal reply, which would have been promptly sent had not the writer, unfortunately, forgotten to give her address. What do our readers advise in such a case, where a woman has experience, skill, and courage, but who is tired? The question comes to us nearly every week. Let us suggest, first, a good summer's rest, then a JOURNAL advertisement, a look-out for some form of social service work where a night's rest is possible, an engagement as companion to an invalid, tuberculosis or school nursing, a course at Teachers' College to prepare herself for a nurse teacher.—Ed.]

FROM TEXAS

DEAR EDITOR: The JOURNAL is always received with pleasure, and is a great help to me, and interesting. I was very glad to see what M. J. W. wrote about operations on the male patients. I have been a nurse nearly ten years, abroad and here, both in hospitals and private duty,—always I found that to